CHAPTER NO. 974

HOUSE BILL NO. 222

By Representatives Brenda Turner, Brooks, Pruitt, Sherry Jones, Odom

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 238

By Senator Harper

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63 and Title 68, relative to health care providers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-13-308(b), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(b) Each time any person licensed to practice physical therapy or to act as a physical therapist's assistant treats human ailments by physical therapy, or otherwise, except under written or oral referral of a person who holds a license to practice medicine, chiropractic, dentistry, podiatry, osteopathic medicine or chiropractic, or in the case of a physical therapist assistant under the supervision of a licensed physical therapist, and each time any person practices physical therapy or acts as a physical therapist assistant without meeting all requirements of this part, constitutes a separate offense.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: April 29, 1998

JOHN S. WILDER SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

IMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER

APPROVED this 18th day of May 1998